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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

JACKIE MARTINEZ, Personal Representative, On Behalf of the Estate of RUSSELL MARTINEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs. NO: 14-cv-00534 KG/WPL

JOSEPH SALAZAR, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF FRANCISCO GALVAN

June 3, 2016 11:00 a.m. 119 East Marcy Street Suite 110 Santa Fe, New Mexico

PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, this deposition was:

TAKEN BY: MR. TODD COBERLY Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Plaintiff

REPORTED BY: Mary Abernathy Seal, RDR, CRR, NM CCR 69
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1	APPEARANCES	1	FRANCISCO GALVAN,
2	For the Plaintiff:	2	
3	MR. TODD COBERLY		after having been first duly sworn under oath,
	COBERLY & MARTINEZ, LLLP	3	was questioned, and testified as follows:
4	1322 Paseo de Peralta	4	EXAMINATION
5	Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-4325	5	BY MR. COBERLY:
3	(505) 989-1029 todd@coberlymartinez.com	6	Q Good afternoon.
6	todd@coocifymartinez.com	7	A Good afternoon.
7	For the Defendants:		
8	MR. MARTIN ESQUIVEL	8	Q Can you state your name?
	BASHAM & BASHAM, P.C.	9	A Francisco Galvan.
9	2205 Miguel Chavez Road, Suite A	10	Q Mr. Galvan, have you ever had your
10	Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 988-4575	11	deposition taken before?
10	mesquivel@bbpcnm.com	12	A No, sir.
11	mesquiver & oopenm.com	13	Q I'm sure Mr. Esquibel has told you that I
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13	EXAMINATION OF FRANCISCO GALVAN	14	need you to answer out loud instead of nodding. No
14	Examination by Mr. Coberly 4	15	uh-huhs or huh-uhs, so the court reporter can get
15	Examination by Mr. Esquivel 37	16	it.
16 17	Further Examination by Mr. Coberly 42 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE 52	17	A Sure.
18	WITNESS SIGNATURE/CORRECTION PAGE 54	18	Q If you need to take a break, we can take a
19	EXHIBITS MARKED OR IDENTIFIED	19	
20	Exhibit 1 Notice to take 30(B)(6) deposition 6		break whenever you need to. I just ask that if
	of the City of Espanola	20	there's a question pending, go ahead and answer the
21	F 177.2 A	21	question before we take a break.
22	Exhibit 2 August 6, 2012, letter 10	22	A I understand.
22	Exhibit 3 Personnel action form, Joseph A. 27	23	Q What is your job title currently?
23	Salazar, Jr.	24	A Records supervisor, evidence custodian.
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clerks that are under me. They take the phone calls, nonemergency phone calls to the police department. They sell the reports, they respond to records requests. I answer on behalf of the police department for motion of discoveries, serve notice of trials, grand jury subpoenas, draw up the officers, kind of a liaison between the department and the local magistrate courts, district attorney's office. Every morning I file the criminal complaints on behalf of the department at the local respective offices. Maintain the paperwork, basically, I guess.

Q Okay. Let's mark this as Exhibit 1. (Exhibit 1 marked.)

Q Sir, I just handed you Exhibit 1, which is a notice to take a 30(B)(6) deposition of the City of Espanola. Have you seen this document before?

A Yes, sir.

Q Okay. When did you first see that document?

A I don't have the exact date, but I'd say a couple weeks, if that's an appropriate answer.

Q Okay. So do you understand that your testimony here today is as a representative of the City of Espanola --

department comes across, they have a file that it's put into and it's referred to as a jacket.

So I started by pulling the jacket of Mr. Russell Martinez to see what documents I had in there, looking for this August 12 -- August 2nd letter. So I started there. I did not find anything there. At that point I went to the evidence room to see if I had anything tagged into evidence under this case number. I did come across that.

Later on, more recently, to prepare for this, I reached out to City Hall, I spoke with multiple people there. Do you want me to say who I spoke to, what they did?

Q Sure.

A Okay. I started off with -- her name is Anna Squires. She's currently the city clerk for the City of Espanola. I started off with her. I reached out to her to see if she had any record of receiving this tort claim August letter. I started with her. I spoke with Theresa Aguilar. She's the deputy city clerk. She researched her records management system known as LaserFiche. And I reached out to our human resources director, Sally Baxter, who was a deputy clerk for the City after

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A Yes.

Q -- and not in your personal capacity as a records supervisor?

A Yes, sir.

Q Okay. And have you reviewed the topics of the deposition in this notice?

A I have.

Q So when I refer to "you," I will be referring to the City of Espanola, i.e., and the Department of Public Safety --

A As a whole.

Q -- unless I explicitly state otherwise. And if you get confused if I'm asking you in your personal capacity versus the City of Espanola, let me know.

A Okay.

Q Just generally why don't you tell me what you personally did to prepare for this deposition today.

A Okay. So I began by -- it seems to me like the main topic was a letter sent to the City of Espanola on August 6, 2012. So to prepare for this, I researched -- it's called a jacket. It's a file of every defendant that would come across -- or victim, I guess. Just everybody that the police

this, after this time, I believe, to kind of get an idea of what their -- what they do in the event when they receive a tort claim notice, what the process is, what they do with them, where they go, and whatnot, to learn their process down there.

So what I learned was this August -- this tort claim notice -- I have copies here -- this tort claim notice dated August 6, 2012, was received to Ellis A. Lucero's fax on August 6, 2012, at 1800 hours. We don't have an exact -- we don't know who it was that received it originally. It doesn't document any of that. We do show that three days later -- let me refer to my notes here, if I wrote it down. We show three days later it was scanned into LaserFiche, August 9, 2012, at 3:22 p.m. So a few days later after we received it, it was scanned in and put into LaserFiche. This is all we have in regard to this down at City Hall.

I asked Anna Squires, you know, "Today, how is it done?"

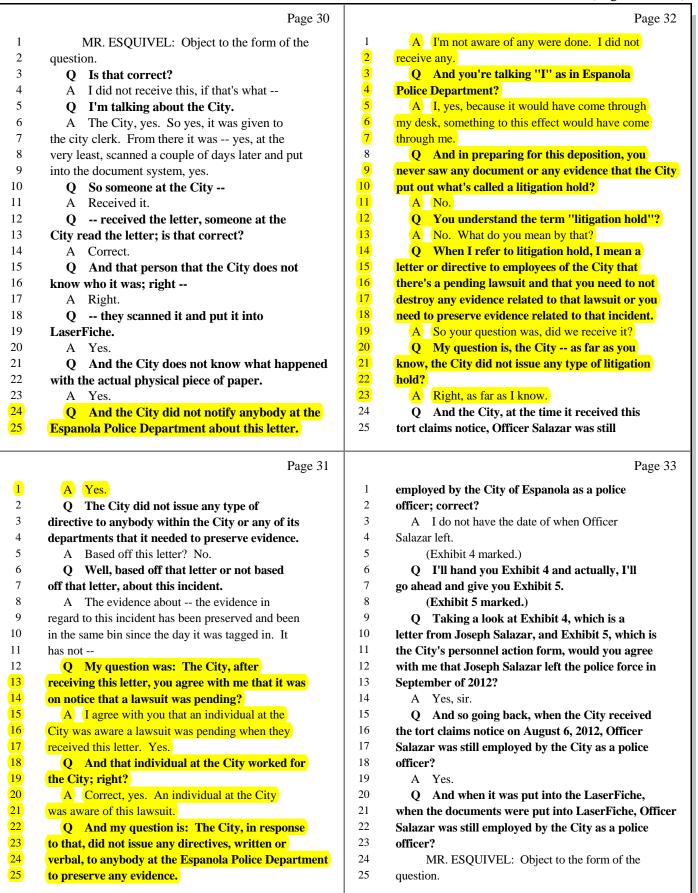
She goes, "Well, if I receive this notice of Tort Claims Act," she goes, "I would get it over to our insurance, and then I would" -- how did she say it -- "we would communicate with the city manager and see if our attorneys need a copy of it

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Page 12 Page 10 1 1 she was the city clerk -- that should have received at that point. Not always do they go to the 2 2 attorneys immediately, but they always go to the this at that time. So I asked him to reach out and 3 3 insurance immediately." look at her e-mails, to see if he can see where this 4 And then I asked, like, "Well, so the 4 August 6 letter went. 5 5 demand for preservation of evidence" -- so when I He called me this morning actually on the 6 6 said, like, so -- because we were talking about this way over here and he did not find any outgoing 7 7 document as a whole, I said, "and if it included the e-mails to the City of Espanola Police Department 8 8 demand for preservation, what would you do at that extension or to any of the officers, myself, any 9 point?" 9 outgoing e-mails related to Coberly Law Office, 10 She goes, "Well, we would internally get 10 related to Russell Martinez, related to Joseph 11 them" -- how did she say -- "disperse it 11 Salazar, related to Greg Esparza, myself, Francisco. 12 12 internally." So we did not find that this letter left -- we 13 13 couldn't prove that this letter left anywhere from Q Okay. Let me stop you there to make sure Tessa's possession other than being scanned into 14 we got the record here. I'll go ahead and mark 14 15 15 LaserFiche. So that's kind of what I have done so Exhibit 2. 16 16 far to prepare for this. (Exhibit 2 marked.) 17 17 O Okav. Q I'll put that in front of you. So when 18 you refer to this document or this letter, the tort 18 A Sorry about that. 19 claims notice, is it fair to say that you're 19 Q No, I appreciate that. And I want to make 20 referring to document Exhibit 2? 20 sure I understand. I'll probably bounce around a 21 A Yes, sir. 21 little bit. You're throwing out a lot of names. 22 22 The IT person, Ishmael -- that was a contractor? O Okav. So what is LaserFiche? A It's a records management system. Digital 23 23 A Yeah, his company is IT Connect. 24 file cabinet, I guess. 24 O Okay. And what does IT Connect do for the 25 Q Was the City using LaserFiche on August 6, 25 City of Espanola? Page 11 Page 13 2012? 1 1 A They handle our IT work. The individual 2 2 that the City had hired there is no longer and they A Yes. 3 Q Okay. Because my understanding is this 3 haven't filled his position, so they reached out to 4 letter was put into LaserFiche on August 9, 2012. 4 a third-party company to do our IT work. 5 A Right. 5 Q What sort of documents besides tort claims 6 6 O Okay. What sort of documents other than notices are put into LaserFiche? 7 tort claims notices are put into LaserFiche? 7 A To my understanding, all documents that 8 A Should I continue what I did to prepare 8 come across. I mean, starting from the city clerk's 9 for the deposition to finish answering the previous 9 office all the way through finance, personnel 10 10 records, time sheets. To my understand, it's like question? 11 11 everything. Q Sure, let's do that and then we can go 12 12 back. O So it's basically the City's filing 13 A Okay, I'm sorry. So after I spoke with 13 cabinet? 14 Theresa and figured out their internal process, I 14 A Basically, yes. 15 reached out to -- because we didn't have any -- we 15 O Electronic? 16 couldn't find -- we couldn't show that this left the 16 A And recently -- and also the City of 17 city clerk's office. So I reached out to a company 17 Espanola -- the police department recently got our 18 called IT Connect, who the City of Espanola 18 license for LaserFiche also, and although we did 19 19 contracts to do our IT work. His name is Ishmael. have LaserFiche back in 2012, it wasn't being used 20 I don't have his last name. I apologize. So I 20 to its fullest potential. So like down at the 21 21 called him, or I e-mailed -- I have to go through basement we have a lot of hard-copy records on file, 22 22 the city clerk's office to request their help. So I and that's another thing I should have mentioned. 23 e-mailed Theresa. Theresa forwarded it to Ishmael 23 Theresa Aguilar, the deputy clerk, also went down to 24 and cc'd me, and asked him, you know, look at the 24 the basement to physically look for the Coberly Law 25 25 current -- at the time it was Tessa Jo Mascarenas --Office file and see if there was anything else on

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Page 44 Page 42 1 when I reached out from Taser, they're not -- they 1 A Deployment. 2 2 don't possess the knowledge -- the Taser cannot tell -- deploying the Tasers? 3 3 the difference between a drive stun, between it 4 being deployed or it being just a test run. It will 4 O I want to make sure I understand. When 5 5 all look the same on the PDF form that we get for you say deploy, you're talking about projecting the 6 6 7 7 MR. ESQUIVEL: No further questions. A The prongs. Yes, sir. 8 8 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** Q The prongs. Okay. But drive-stunning 9 BY MR. COBERLY: 9 somebody, making direct contact with that person, 10 10 O Mr. Galvan, let me follow up on some of how do you term that? 11 that. Let me see Exhibit 7 there. Exhibit 6, the 11 A When you activate the trigger, it will -tort claims letter, I'll refer you to that. That 12 when you activate the trigger to a certain level, 12 13 was September 2013; right? 13 it's just the drive stun, the drive stun mode, and 14 A No, sir. Exhibit 6 is the information in 14 it gets the voltage at the tip of the Taser gun and 15 the Public Records Act. 15 you make contact with skin or with an individual to 16 16 Q Right. That was dated in September of use it as a defense mechanism. 17 17 **2013: correct?** O And the electronic data stored in the 18 A Oh, I'm sorry, you said tort --18 Taser will show how many seconds the trigger was 19 Q I'm sorry. I'm sorry. The inspection of 19 activated: correct? 20 public records request was received by the City 20 A Yes. It turns off automatically. Like, 21 September 25, 2013. 21 you can't just deploy the trigger and just sit there 22 22 A Yes. forever and ever and ever. It will turn off and, 23 23 you know what I mean, you have to force -- you know, Q Okay. At that date, the Espanola Police 24 Department did not know the serial number of the 24 you're forced to use it again. It doesn't keep 25 Taser that had been issued to defendant Salazar; 25 rolling. Page 43 Page 45 1 1 right? Q It will turn off after approximately five 2 A On September 25, the City did not know the 2 seconds? 3 Taser serial number? 3 A My understanding, yes. 4 4 Q And then if you want to -- if you want to Q Right. 5 5 A Let me refer to -- I'm going to have to reactivate it, you have to depress the trigger 6 6 again? 7 7 Q Right. Because it's true that the City A Correct. 8 doesn't have any idea --8 O But the electronic data stored in the 9 A The documents. 9 Taser will record all that. 10 10 **Q** -- of the serial number of the Taser that A It will record when the trigger is 11 11 was issued to Joseph Salazar; right? activated. 12 A Right. 12 Q Okay. And you said Joseph Salazar was at 13 Q Either when he was hired or when he 13 fault for not submitting a Taser use report for the 14 resigned; right? 14 incident involving Russell Martinez; is that 15 A Right. 15 A That's correct. I did not locate one in 16 Q And the data that's stored on the Taser 16 17 17 the jacket or the file. I could only assume he did will show when the Taser was used: correct? 18 A It will show when the Taser -- trigger is 18 not complete it. And if he did, he didn't turn it 19 19 activated. in with his report. 20 Q Okay. And that's for either testing the 20 Q And you have been involved in this 21 21 battery; right -litigation in gathering records for production; 22 A Testing the battery. 22 correct? 23 Q -- drive stun --23 A Correct. 24 A Drive stun. 24 Q And you have never come across any Taser 25 Q -- or actually --25 use reports authored by defendant Salazar; correct?

correct?

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A That's correct. It was my understanding that he was aware that you have to do it when it's deployed, but the policy states he should have done it regardless.

Taser in there.

- Q And so you agree that defendant Salazar did not follow the policy.
 - A In regards to the Taser use report, yes.
- Q And you would agree that if we knew the serial number of defendant Salazar, the Taser that had been issued to defendant Salazar, we could determine how many times he deployed the Taser on May 11, 2012, or how many times he pulled the trigger -- activated the trigger?

A Well, if we were able to download the data, we should be able to find out how many times it was activated. We do have -- we do have a few Tasers that failed, or whatever, according to the Taser, the company, because we could very well have his Taser there; we just can't download anything. It's just that it's broken or something failed within the Taser itself that didn't allow us to download any of the data. We have never -- all our Tasers, whether they're broken or still used, are all within our same cabinet. We still have every

correct?

A In addition to chain of custody. It's held for safekeeping. It's not just criminal prosecution. It's held for safekeeping. It's held for chain of custody.

- Q Okay. Is it your testimony that Espanola Police Department will put evidence into the evidence locker to preserve evidence that might be used against them in a future civil lawsuit?
 - A Okay, say that again.
- Q Is it your testimony that one of the reasons that the Espanola Police Department will save evidence in the evidence room is to preserve evidence that may be used against the City in a future civil lawsuit?

MR. ESQUIVEL: Object to the form of the question.

A It's there -- they preserve evidence used at a scene regardless of what it's going to be used for. They need to keep a copy -- they need to keep chain of custody of whatever the evidence might be.

Q And the chain of custody is so when you go and you prosecute a criminal defendant, that the evidence that is presented in court can be shown to be authentic, and hasn't been tampered with;

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Q So defendant Salazar's Taser is in the cabinet; you just don't know which Taser it is?

A Yes. Yes. We downloaded every Taser X26 that we have in our department and provided those to Basham. And there was -- I believe I gave them a list of a few that did not allow us to -- and screen shots and everything, what the computer was telling us when we tried to download that data. It wouldn't even read it. It wouldn't even let us get to that point.

Q If I understand your testimony -- well, your testimony is that all evidence has been preserved as far as the City is concerned.

A All evidence has been preserved as far as the City is concerned. There was no evidence from Joseph Salazar. How do I say this? Even if we had Joseph Salazar's serial number right now, there still would not be anything more in the evidence room than what is sitting there right now. All evidence has been preserved.

Q The purpose of an officer submitting evidence into the evidence room is for a criminal prosecution; correct?

- A Chain of custody.
- Q And it's for a criminal prosecution;

A That is one of the reasons for. It's not solely for criminal. It's for safekeeping.

Q What else would chain of custody --

A Well, what I mean is, in the evidence room, it's not just held for criminal prosecution. It's in addition to safekeeping, in addition to if there was an individual who may be intoxicated and couldn't keep his personal belongings or had money or something and had to have been detoxed. It's not just for criminal prosecution. It's used for anything that the officer needs to preserve that should not stay on their person. It's there to show that he accepted the property and where he put it to keep it so it wouldn't be in his possession to either get lost or, you know, whatever.

Q Okay. So your testimony, then, is that even if the Espanola Police Department had received Exhibit 2, the Espanola Police Department would have done nothing else, it would not have kept any other evidence or done anything differently, other than copying the letter and putting it in the evidence locker?

A That's correct. That's correct. Had the
Espanola Police Department received Exhibit 2, only

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